

RE: Businesses / employers that have moved from Liskeard



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Hello Scott – we have commissioned a piece of research as attached which was an employment land and buildings demand site assessment. It indicates a strong dependence 16% of Liskeard people travelling including across the Tamar Bridge compared with only 5.2% of people in Cornwall as below and attached. I have taken a look at back e-mails as Jane and I both recalled the Landrover specialist conversion company Wildcat Group who moved from Liskeard to Plymouth. There were a range of issues. I have tried the hyperlink to their website and it does not work. When Facebook is tried nothing has been added since 2014. I am not sure that company is still around. Another company, that indicated that connectivity was an issue was the British Wool Board. They have since closed the Liskeard outlet. Jane did mention a lady (Tracy Kent who was interested 10,000 sq ft office to HQ a building company). I did not deal with that company to have their contact details. When I worked for Cornwall Council (2009-2014) – among other jobs I rang up the transport and food distribution type companies to help build the "business case" to carry out the upgrade to the A30 that is currently taking place. Presumably, the Transport of Highways people at Cornwall Council will have undertaken a similar such piece of research on the A38 improvements which they might be willing to discuss (subject to data protection).

[On page 6 of the attached study, in the paragraph just above 2.2](#)

The City of Plymouth is within commuter distance of Liskeard with easy road access via the Tamar Bridge or with regular services from Liskeard railway station. Data shows that 16% of people in Liskeard travel between 20 km and 30 km to work compared to 5.2% in the rest of Cornwall and 5.3% in England. This reflects the number of people commuting from Liskeard to Plymouth for employment.

3rd March 2018

Hello Tim – thanks for popping in yesterday for an update on the Agri-Hub and Employment Land Demand study. I mentioned the company which was in the Sunday Times top 100 SME's in the country for growth in exports...they had an increase of 38%...They are called Pucka Tor. They are about 3 miles down the road from Liskeard. [Please see as attached. Also a note on the company originally from Liskeard who moved to Plymouth after spending 4 years looking for a 10,000 sq ft. This company upgrades Landrover Defenders with some vehicles costing £80,000 - £90,000 by the time that they finished fitting what the client wants.](#)

<http://www.thewildcatgroup.com/>

Regards

Steve Vinson

7th March 2018

Hello Lynne – from the general conversations and direct enquiries the agri related ideas and companies that have expressed an interest are:

1. Cornwall Quality Livestock Producers – James Moon e-mail jamesmoon@live.co.uk mob 07787 184226 – they are proposing to have livestock marketing and sales, stock handling, agricultural machinery and product sales.
2. Arla – milk and milk based products processing, - Jane spoke to the local businessman who has contact with Arla. I have asked Jane for the details as above.
3. Stags – Livestock sales and sales of agricultural vehicles and equipment based at Tavistock but wish to be Liskeard to serve South East Cornwall and – Chris Clapham – Partner/.
4. Geoffrey Harris Tyres Ltd. – an additional tyre fitting and sales facility to the one at Miller Business Park – this would specialise in tractor, landrover, lorry tyres.. Geoffrey Harris – e-mail geoffreyharristyres@hotmail.co.uk
5. Luxstowe Vets – relocating their existing business. As I understand it from Jane – they won't be looking for larger animals – at the site specifically abut have been need of space for 4 or 5 years. Tel (01579) 342120

6. British Wool Board – have premises in Liskeard for the collection, grading and sorting of wool. – the premises are old and whilst temporary repairs might be improve them a medium term aim would be to move to a new building (David Rodda – was of the view that the project might fit the criteria of a £170,000 RDPE grant programme that David Rodda is running). Modern lorries sizes mean a new location with good access to the A38 would be a big improvement over the current buildings. 20,000 sq ft unit.

Did your contact with David Rodda prove useful?

Regards

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Subject: Businesses / employers that have moved from Liskeard

Dear Mr Vinson

At a meeting we conducted with Southeast Cornwall based businesses and Hauliers on August 14th, Councillor Pascoe (who I copy here for information) advised us that you maintain a list of businesses that have moved out of Liskeard citing the cost of the Tamar Crossings as reason for wanting to relocate. We wondered if you'd consider sharing that list with us please?

One of the things our campaign is focusing on is improving the understanding of the financial impact of the crossings on people and businesses in Southeast Cornwall; this both at a local level (i.e. Cornwall Council) and national government level through our MP. We are also seeking additional evidence of the impact of the proposed further toll rise so that we can present it to the public inquiry set to happen on October 15th. This toll rise, if granted, is one that will equate to a 100% uplift in the toll since early 2020. We are working hard to to build a vocal opposition to it and present evidence of its impact.

Kind regards

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Scott Slavin
Vice Chair